

MORGANTOWN IS ALARMED OVER GAS

If Steptoe Bill is Not Enforced Factories Will Be Lost.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., July 25.—The appearance of the representatives of local gas companies before the Public Service Commission, which is set for Charleston today, has spurred the representatives of manufacturing interests to greater efforts in the fight being waged for enforcement of the Steptoe bill and to retain prices for gas which will make it possible for manufacturing establishments which were attracted to West Virginia by cheap fuel to remain in this state.

It is stated that ninety per cent of the Morgantown factories will be lost if the gas rate is advanced along the program that has been suggested and toward which the gas interests are bending every effort. The claim is made that the factories were attracted to Morgantown by cheap fuel and with the promise that it would remain cheap for a period of years. It is said on good authority that one Morgantown factory and one of the largest is already collecting data in regard to a new location outside of West Virginia.

Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

APPLIED CONSERVATION.
From the Morgantown Post.

Speaking before the Natural Gas Association of West Virginia at its recent session in Wheeling, Dr. I. C. White, State Geologist, and for many years one of the leading authorities of the world on mineral deposits, especially coal, oil and gas, declared that three-fourths of the natural gas supply of the Appalachians has been exhausted and urged the adoption of methods for the conservation of what remains of this precious fuel. His address on the general subject of conservation is in the language of ripe scholarship and calm philosophy, pervaded by the essence of long and careful observation and experience, and charming in its beauty of diction and wealth of imagery. One can not read it without condemning the prodigal wastefulness of past years, and marveling that men should have been so unjust to those who were to come after them, so thoughtless of the dictum that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, and that man in his day and generation is merely the custodian of whatever of material matter is given into his control. But these contemplations in the abstract are rudely shocked when the remedy for the evils complained of is presented in a practical way. To conserve the supply of natural gas, Dr. White suggests two outstanding methods—restriction of its use to domestic purposes, and increase in price from 25 cents to 50 or even 75 cents a thousand cubic feet, with the adoption of the newest improved methods of getting the greatest amount of heat out of the smallest amount of fuel—the elimination of all wasteful gas-burning devices.

Practically every manufacturing plant in the city of Morgantown, except the Sabraton tin mill, and the Economy Tumbler factory, which has installed a gas producer, would be compelled to close its doors and stop its wheels if these remedies were applied. Morgantown's plants are built for the use of natural gas, and any attempt to change them to other fuel would entail an expenditure at present prohibitive. Neither can they be operated with the use of gas if the price of that fuel be advanced to the figures suggested by Dr. White. Close the factories, and increase the price of gas to 50 or 75 cents and "the domestic consumer" will at once be reduced to an inconsiderable fraction of its present proportions. Thousands of Morgantown homes are built only for the use of natural gas as fuel, and thousands of home-owners would find it alike impossible to make a change

or to pay the prices suggested. Cut off the gas supply of the factories, and many of them will move to other locations, with better railroad facilities, nearer markets, and more easily accessible raw material, finding that the transportation of coal for fuel would be more than offset by other advantages. Dr. White's proposed system of conservation is based on broad vision and wise foresight, but its direct application at this time can not be viewed with equanimity by West Virginia manufacturers who have all their capital invested in plants dependent upon natural gas for fuel, or by the humble citizen in whose scheme of household economy there is no place for 75-cent gas. On the other hand, it must bring great solace to the gas companies which have pending before the Public Service Commission applications for increases in rates, and to the big gas producing companies which are trying to set at naught West Virginia's laws for the protection of West Virginia consumers. The address, we have no doubt, will be filed as a part of their evidence in the case.

Everybody realizes that West Virginians must prepare for the time when there will be natural gas neither for the home nor the factory, but West Virginians can not be expected to adopt these altruistic measures of conservation while Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and other Pennsylvania and Ohio cities are burning West Virginia gas in home and factory. In the bill of complaint filed by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania against the state of West Virginia before the Supreme Court of the United States, seeking to enjoin the enforcement of the provisions of the Steptoe bill, the complainants set forth under oath that factories supplied by natural gas in Pennsylvania—and the same is true in the Ohio case—can not be changed or remodeled for the use of other fuel. Are these manufacturers, who pay not one cent in taxes to West Virginia, to be favored with a supply of gas, while West Virginia, in a paroxysm of remorse, shuts off the supply of her own factories, and impresses the humble householder with the precious character of natural gas by boosting its price?

The entire situation involves a menace to the prosperity of West Virginia which few have as yet realized. Propagandists in the employ of the great gas corporations, are filling columns of newspaper space with the doctrine that there is a sudden and tremendous

increase in the value of natural gas, and that one of the best and most efficient means of conservation is to make the price so high that only the favored few can use it. The consumers, on the other hand, lacking organization, and experts, and lacking in a common fund, too, when compared with that of the Standard interests, can only lodge their hope in the wisdom and justice and probity of their

public officials. The great corporations own what is left of the gas-producing fields and may well undertake the conservation of what remains, limiting its sale at great prices to its favored interests, but they can hardly expect the general public to join with lusty voice or hearty earnestness in that favored hymn of their anthology, sacred to the Almighty Dollar, "I've got mine boys, I've got mine."

CITY OF FAIRMONT

Review of Registration of Voters

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Affairs of the City of Fairmont pursuant to law, will meet on the Fourth Monday of July 1919, (July 28, 1919) at two o'clock P. M. for the purpose of hearing any and all matters as to the registration of voters, at which meeting said Board of Affairs will examine the returns made to them by the registrars, and if they are satisfied that persons have been registered who are not entitled to vote they will cause their names to be stricken from the list of voters, and if they shall find that persons named have been omitted by the registrars who should be registered, either because the same have been omitted or by reason of such persons having become entitled to vote since such registration was made, the Board will cause their names to be registered as qualified voters.

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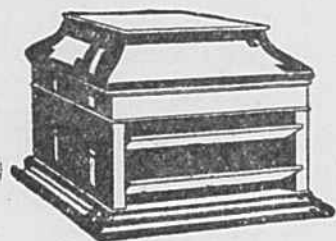
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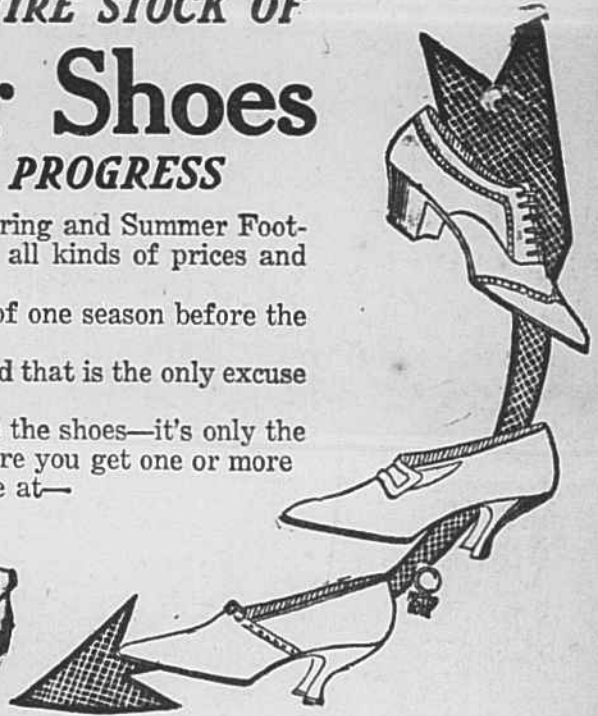
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